VIII. Haz-Map

http://hazmap.nlm.nih.gov



Haz-Map is a database designed to link jobs to occupational diseases, to hazardous agents that can cause disease, and to other job tasks that can cause disease. The logo above, and at the top of every website, shows how everything is connected in this database. Each point on the map represents a table of information on that topic. These tables are linked together in this database.

- **Jobs** Haz-Map includes over 250 different jobs that are associated with occupational diseases, from Aircraft Assemblers to Restaurant Cooks.
- Job Tasks Haz-Map contains nearly 200 job tasks that can cause disease. For example, a job task for zoologists could be "handling infected rodents (bite)" leading to possible "rat bite fever."
- Occupational Diseases Haz-Map includes records of over 180 diseases associated with specific job tasks.
- Agents Over 1,100 hazardous agents are included in this database. A
 hazardous agent can be a chemical, like ethyl alcohol or some other
 substance with hazardous properties. An example would be herbal tea,
 which has plant-derived allergens which can cause asthma.
- Symptoms –Symptoms of occupational diseases have been cataloged here and described. An example of a symptom would be "hallucinations."
- Industry Over 440 industries are included in this database. Each industry has high-risk job tasks associated with it.
- Non-Occupational Activities 25 activities, which have hazardous agents associated with them, are also included in Haz-Map. These activities are often related to crafts, like "batik printing," or other activities, such as "living in a house with old plumbing."
- Processes 50 processes are described, which are associated with hazardous agents. Examples of processes are "Forging" or "Silk-Screen Printing."

Searching Hazmap

Text search

• **Text search:** Enter a query, and click on the Text Search icon. The query words will be searched as text words in all Haz-Map text fields. Search results display in relevancy ranked order.



• Search by agent, disease or job: To query multiple words by Agent Name, Disease Name, or Job Name, enter your query, and click on the Agent, Disease, or Job icon. The search will make wild card matches. The query will match data containing all of the query terms as words or word fragments in any order. For example, a search for acute anemia as Disease will be translated into a query for both "*acute*" and "*anemia*." Multiple words enclosed by double quotes will be treated as phrases in the search.



• Special features for chemical searching: When searching for agents, if there is an exact match of an agent name, this name will appear first in the search results. If the search query is enclosed by double quotes, only the exact match will be displayed. Otherwise, other records that contain the words or word fragments will be listed after the first record. For example: a search of ethyl alcohol will return Ethyl Alcohol first. In addition, 20 other records will be returned because they all contain ethyl and alcohol in their Name and Synonyms fields. You can also search a chemical by its CAS Registry Number.

 Searches by other categories: Click on the More Searches tab to find additional information by other categories, including Activities, Industries, Job Tasks, Processes, and Symptoms. Using the dropdown menu, select a table that you would like to search, and enter the query words in the box. The query words will be searched as text words in the selected table. The results will display in relevancy ranked order.



Browse by categories

 To browse by category, simply click on the link of a major category, and the tree will expand to the next level of information. You can navigate forward or backward at any time by clicking on the links.



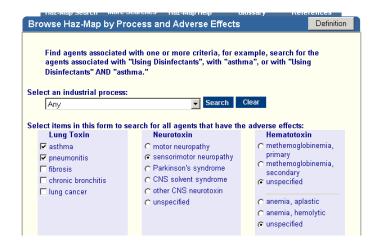
Browse alphabetically

 You can also browse all the tables by alphabetical listing of the records. [Note that agents records have a special sort order, for example, o-Anisidine appears in "A", not in "O".]

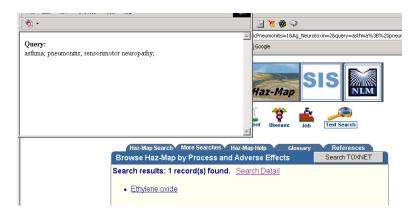
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    Ammonium thioglycolate
    Ampicillin
    Amprolium hydrochloride
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    Anacardiaceae species
    Aniline
    Animal-derived allergens
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Browse agents by adverse effects

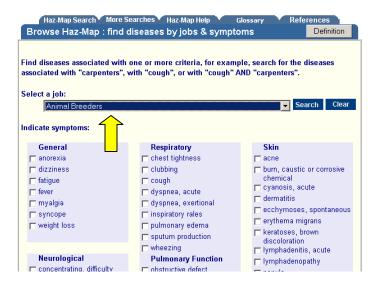
 You can search for all agents that have one or more potential adverse effects. For example, view all agents that can cause occupational asthma, or view all agents that can cause both asthma and lung cancer. For checkboxes, you may select as many items as you like.



- Adverse effects in some categories are displayed in a list of radio buttons. For radio buttons, you may select only one option in each group. For example, in the category Neurotoxin, pick Parkinson syndrome to see all agents with the potential to cause this syndrome.
- In the search result page, you can click on the Search Details link to see the conditions that were checked for the search.



Find diseases by jobs and symptoms



- Search by Jobs: You can search diseases related to a job by selecting a job from the pull-down menu.
- Search by Symptoms: You can search diseases from their symptoms by checking the symptoms grouped by organ/tissue systems.
- **Search by Jobs and Symptoms:** By selecting both *Job* and *Symptoms*, you can find diseases related to both. For example: searching *carpenters* and *cough*.
- You can click on Search Details on the search result page to see what job and/or symptoms you have selected.

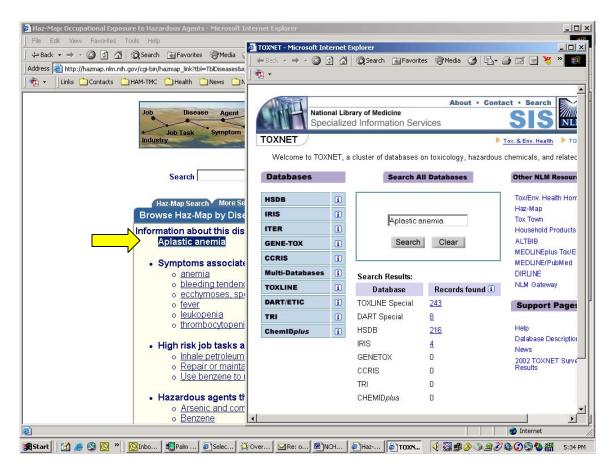
Display of related information

 This page shows all the links to information related to the particular record of interest. An example is the disease aplastic anemia. In addition to the link to the main record for this disease, you will also see links to "Symptoms associated with this disease," "Hazardous agents that cause this disease," and "High risk job tasks associated with this disease."



Search TOXNET

- Click on this button to search all TOXNET databases.
- You can enter search words in the pop-up prompt box to make a search.
- Highlighting a section of text on the page before clicking on TOXNET will run the search on those words.

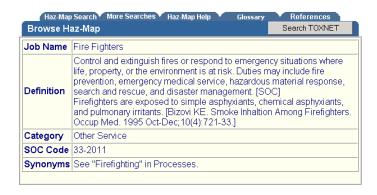


Search Results

Each of the tables in the database produces a results screen with specific information unique to that category. Following are sample results screens for each category.

What Haz-Map primarily does is to link all of the categories together, so the descriptions of each category (below) are the various results of the searches that can be done in Hazmap.

<u>Jobs</u>



Definition, Job Name and SOC Code information comes from the 1997 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) System, as well as other listed sources.

Note that *Synonyms* includes another place to look up information on Fire Fighters (in the Processes table).

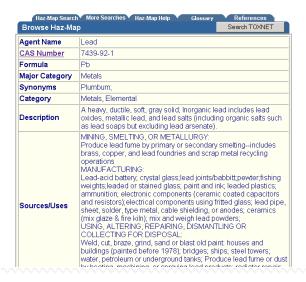
Agents

The results found under agents depend on whether or not the agent is a chemical.

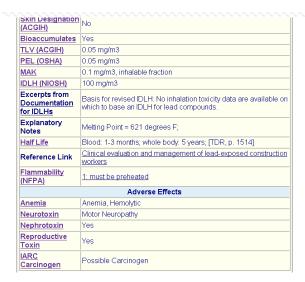
Sample of an agent that is not a chemical:



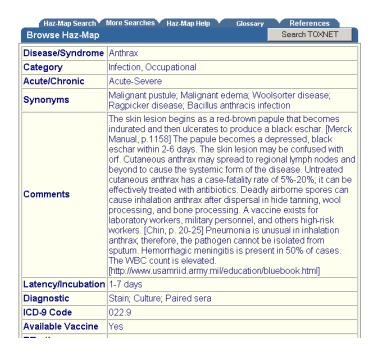
Sample of a chemical agent:



This database gives a lot of very detailed information about chemicals in the table. If you look below, you will see that much of the information is extremely technical. The underlined links on the left take you to the glossary, which explains the meaning of the information in that field.



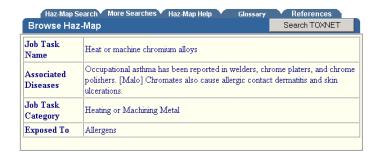
Occupational Diseases



Disease information comes from the *International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9)* and a variety of other sources (listed on the site).

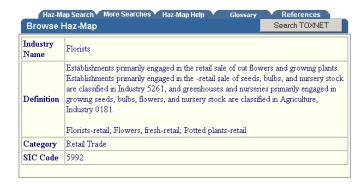
The chart on diseases describes the disease with additional comments, provides information as to whether or not the disease is acute (sudden and possibly life threatening) or chronic (onset of symptoms is gradual and long-lasting), and tells whether or not there is a vaccine available.

Job Tasks



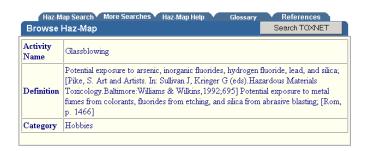
This chart names the job task, the diseases associated with it, and how someone might be exposed to the agents of that disease.

<u>Industry</u>



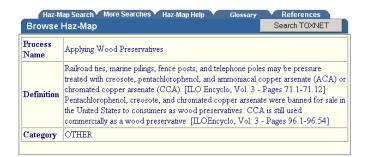
Industry information comes from the *Standard Industrial Classification* (*SIC*) *System*. The chart describes and defines the industry.

Non-Occupational Activities



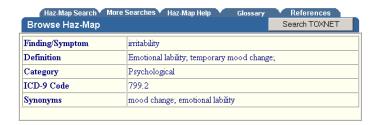
The information in this chart comes from a variety of sources, and the Definition field focuses on the hazardous aspects of the activity rather than it's description.

Processes



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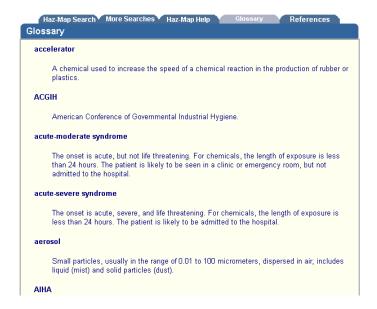
Symptoms



The symptom listings come from the *International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9)*.

Glossary

On the Agents page, there are many links to the glossary. The glossary provided in Haz-Map has easily understandable definitions of the technical expressions.



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Practice Questions:

1. I've been offered a job in a kennel. Someone told me that I could get very sick working with animals in kennels. Is this true?

2. I've been coughing a lot and feeling really sick lately. I was wondering if it could be my job. I am a logger. I noticed it seemed to start when we got a new batch of wood in. Is there anything in wood I could be allergic to? I've been a logger for years and this has never happened.

3. I have to do a homework assignment on a career. I got assigned beautician! I've already got the information in those books over there on occupational descriptions. Do you have any other information that might be good for my paper?